

General

Title

Otitis media with effusion (OME): percentage of patients aged 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of OME who were not prescribed/recommended either antihistamines or decongestants.

Source(s)

American Academy of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery Foundation, Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement®. Acute otitis externa (AOE)/otitis media with effusion (OME) physician performance measurement set. Chicago (IL): American Medical Association (AMA); 2007 Mar. 12 p. [2 references]

Measure Domain

Primary Measure Domain

Process

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Secondary Measure Domain

Does not apply to this measure

Brief Abstract

Description

This measure is used to assess the percentage of patients aged 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion (OME) who were not prescribed/recommended either antihistamines or decongestants.

Rationale

Otitis media with effusion (OME) usually resolves spontaneously with indications for therapy only if the condition is persistent and clinically significant benefits can be achieved. No data exists to support

antihistamines and decongestants in treating OME. As a result, physicians should not prescribe or recommend the over-the-counter use of these medications.*

*The following clinical recommendation statements are quoted verbatim from the referenced clinical guidelines and represent the evidence base for the measure:

Antihistamines and decongestants are ineffective for OME and are not recommended for treatment. (American Academy of Family Physicians/American Academy of Ophthalmology-Head and Neck Surgery Foundation/American Academy of Pediatrics [AAFP/AO-HNSF/AAP])

Primary Clinical Component

Otitis media with effusion (OME); antihistamines; decongestants

Denominator Description

All patients aged 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion (OME) (see the related "Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions" field)

Numerator Description

Patients who were not prescribed/recommended either antihistamines or decongestants

Evidence Supporting the Measure

Evidence Supporting the Criterion of Quality

A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence

Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

Need for the Measure

Unspecified

State of Use of the Measure

State of Use

Current routine use

Current Use

Internal quality improvement

National reporting

Application of Measure in its Current Use

Care Setting

Physician Group Practices/Clinics

Professionals Responsible for Health Care

Physicians

Lowest Level of Health Care Delivery Addressed

Individual Clinicians

Target Population Age

Age 2 months through 12 years

Target Population Gender

Either male or female

Stratification by Vulnerable Populations

Unspecified

Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

Incidence/Prevalence

Unspecified

Association with Vulnerable Populations

Unspecified

Burden of Illness

Unspecified

Utilization

Unspecified

Costs

Unspecified

Institute of Medicine (IOM) Healthcare Quality Report Categories

IOM Care Need

Getting Better

IOM Domain

Effectiveness

Data Collection for the Measure

Case Finding

Users of care only

Description of Case Finding

All patients aged 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion (OME)

Denominator Sampling Frame

Patients associated with provider

Denominator Inclusions/Exclusions

Inclusions

All patients aged 2 months through 12 years with a diagnosis of otitis media with effusion (OME)

Exclusions

Documentation of medical reason(s) for prescribing/recommending either antihistamines or decongestants

Relationship of Denominator to Numerator

All cases in the denominator are equally eligible to appear in the numerator

Denominator (Index) Event

Clinical Condition

Encounter

Denominator Time Window

Time window is a single point in time

Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions

Inclusions

Patients who were not prescribed/recommended either antihistamines or decongestants

Exclusions

None

Measure Results Under Control of Health Care Professionals, Organizations and/or Policymakers

The measure results are somewhat or substantially under the control of the health care professionals, organizations and/or policymakers to whom the measure applies.

Numerator Time Window

Encounter or point in time

Data Source

Administrative data

Medical record

Level of Determination of Quality

Individual Case

Pre-existing Instrument Used

Unspecified

Computation of the Measure

Scoring

Rate

Interpretation of Score

Better quality is associated with a higher score

Allowance for Patient Factors

Unspecified

Standard of Comparison

Internal time comparison

Evaluation of Measure Properties

Extent of Measure Testing

Unspecified

Identifying Information

Original Title

Measure #6 - otitis media with effusion: antihistamines or decongestants - inappropriate use.

Measure Collection Name

The Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement® Measurement Sets

Measure Set Name

Acute Otitis Externa (AOE)/Otitis Media with Effusion (OME) Physician Performance Measurement Set

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